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Lectures from the Charles Homer Haskins Lecture Series of the American Council of Learned Societies are gathered here. They include the untitled lectures of: Maynard Mack (1983) of Yale University; Lawrence Stone (1985) of Princeton University; Milton V. Anastos (1986) of the University of California at Los Angeles; Carl E. Schorske (1987) of Princeton University; John Hope Franklin (1988) of Duke University; Judith N. Shklar (1989) of Harvard University; Paul Oskar Kristeller (1990) of Columbia University; Milton Babbitt (1991) of Princeton University; D. W. Meinig (1992) of Syracuse University; and Annemarie Schimmel (1993) of Harvard University and the University of Bonn (Germany). The lectures were conceived as an opportunity for self-reflection by senior humanists still active in their fields. Each lecturer reflects "on a lifetime of work as a scholar, on the motives, the chance determinations, the satisfactions (and the dissatisfactions) of the life of learning, to explore through one's own life the larger, institutional life of scholarship." An introductory section recounts the history of the lecture series and the creation of the current volume. (MSE)

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